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1. The radio station northwest of Oggau is situated between Rosalienkapelle (height 157) and the triangulation point 157. One antenna mast and two trucks were observed, one of these a radio truck which was jacked up on blocks. The vehicles were camouflaged with twigs. Three crew men were seen, one of them wearing an officer's cap. Their service colors could not be determined because of distance. A tent with a capacity of about ten men, and a volleyball net were seen nearby.*
2. One PE-2 plane was observed between 0940 and 1530 hours flying back and forth from north to south over the western shore of Neusiedler See; the flying altitude was estimated at 9,000 to 10,500 feet. This plane obviously served as a target plane, but only after 1400 hours was it observed towing a sleeve target. The plane was attacked by single aluminum-colored jet fighters on practically each flight in either direction. It appeared that each jet fighter had a limited area assigned to it for the attack. The entire western shore area was divided into four intercepting sections, each covered by an interceptor. They closed in from a westerly direction and at a higher altitude. One burst of fire of from four to six rounds was fired by each interceptor. The next interceptor burst of fire was heard when the last attacking plane turned. The approximate firing speed was two rounds per second.** No attacks were directed against ground targets.
3. Approximately 20 detonations were heard between 0850 and 1040 hours from the artillery range east of Oggau.
4. An antitank gun drawn by a truck

was seen passing the northern exit of Oggau at 1100 hours. The gun is described as follows:

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- a. 45 mm. caliber
- b. muzzle cover
- c. approximately 12-foot barrel without muzzle brake
- d. no recoil mechanism over the barrel in front of the shield
- e. the upper part of the rectangular shield was tilted
- f. tubular trails. ***

After the gun had passed by, no further detonations were heard from the artillery range.

5. No troop quarters exist at Oggau or Rust.

6. A truck

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was seen driving through Oggau. Another truck

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with airforce driver

was parked next to the beach near Rust, where soldiers were swimming.

7. Two trucks

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with airforce driver

driver with bordeaux-red service colors,

were seen driving through Eisenstadt.

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* Comment. These installations seem to indicate that the crew consisted of at least ten men.

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** Comment. Judging from the explosion, 2-cm. cannons were used and the southern intercepting sector was already over Hungarian territory. It seemed that each fighter attacked at least twice.

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*** Comment. The gun was probably the 45-mm. M1942 type.

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